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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, US, KE

SUBJECT: VIEWS OF KENYAN AMBASSADOR MBOGUA

REF: STATE 116443

1. I WAS PLEASED TO SEE REFTEL REPORT OF AMBASSADOR MARSHALL'S CAUTIONARY REMARKS TO AMBASSADOR MBOGUA RE DANGERS OF LATTER'S "PERSONAL" PROPOSALS ON NATIONAL SECURITY MATTER; HOWEVER, I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE MBOGUA WILL STILL NEED TO HEAR SOMETHING FURTHER ON MERITS OF RESTRAINT FROM HIS OWN PEOPLE. I HAVE, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED INITIATING LOW KEY ACTION TO DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION IN MY LETTER TO YOU DATED AND POUCHED MAY 20. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH MY RECOMMENDATION IN THIS REGARD, I WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED. MBOGUA'S CONTINUED FREEWHEELING COULD WELL CREATE PROBLEMS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IF GOK OFFICIALS AT SOME POINT FIND THEMSELVES "TRAPPED" INTO SUPPORTING HIS INITIATIVES EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. YOU MIGHT TELL AMBASSADOR MARSHALL THAT WASHINGTON POST HAS ALREADY SENT LETTER VIA GEORGE GITHII REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR DAVID OTTAWAY TO RETURN TO KENYA. THEREFORE, IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR AMBASSADOR MBOGUA TO TAKE MATTER UP. IF HE HAS ALREADY DONE SO, NO HARM WOULD OF COURSE BE DONE.

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